

REMARKS

Claim Status

This Supplemental Response cancels Claims 6 and 16. In the previous Response, Claims 9 and 19 had been cancelled. Thus, currently under examination are Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-15, 17, 18, and 20-22.

Claims 6 and 16 have been cancelled because of the amendments made to their base claims, Claims 1 and 11, respectively.

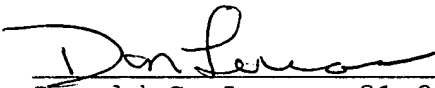
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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